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World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

TOWING THE MINNESOTA TO PORT

Great Ship Carrying Food-stuffs to Allies Is in Badly Crippled Condition, All Boilers Being "Dead"

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The last of her engines stopped, her boilers crippled, perhaps by spies or mutineers, the food laden Hill liner Minnesota is making about four knots northward today in tow of the tug Laqua and Dauntless. She needs more aid, though.

This officials prepared to send from here.

While later reports this forenoon showed her creeping up the coast, fears were felt that a storm might overtake her and do her infinite damage before the third tug could reach her. The engines were stopped as soon as the tows were taken on. Officials believe there must have been some tampering with the ship, inasmuch as all her boilers went dead together—and they had been tested sufficiently before she slipped out of Seattle on her trip to England with a 18,000-ton cargo.

The Merchants exchange marine department said before noon. It had a message reporting the tug Laqua and Dauntless towing the Minnesota northward at an average of three knots an hour. Her position was given as 225 miles south of San Diego, with fine weather, a heavy northwest swell and a light wind.

The engines have ceased to operate on the Minnesota. Captain Wiley of the Hill line here said he had no word since 8 o'clock last night, when he was notified that the tug had hold of the Minnesota and were doing about four knots.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN THWARTED BY TRACKWALKER

Unionport, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Quick action by a trackwalker today saved 300 passengers from death on the Pennsylvania system's New York-St. Louis flyer, when he found that three tons of steel rails had been fastened by chains to the track near a tunnel here. In a few seconds more the train, speeding at 60 miles an hour, would have crashed into the obstruction and piled up in ruins. Rushing down the track, the trackman flagged her just in time, for she was brought to a halt only within ten feet of the obstruction.

Grateful passengers made up a purse for him and hysterical women crowded about to thank him.

The attempt to wreck the flyer was blamed on disgruntled workmen.

EXPECT INDICTMENTS OF MORE BOMB PLOTTERS

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The bomb plot jury got down to work anew today. Indictments were expected before nightfall. Meantime officials hunted Mrs. Abbie Cornell, whom they thought could throw light on movements of some alleged plotters. Baron von Brincken and C. C. Crowley probably will be the first persons against whom the government acts; others, however, may fall into their net at an early moment.

Attorneys for the defense insisted today they would be able to show L. J. Smith, informer against Brincken and Crowley, was an English agent, "double crossing" the Germans.

WATERWAYS OF NATION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED

Washington, Dec. 8.—The nation's waterways must be developed, Secretary of Commerce Redfield today told the National Rivers and Harbors convention opening here. He expressed fear that the railroads will be swamped under the strain of commercial development, and for this reason he urged the development of the water transportation.

The idea of "pork" he held to be greatly exaggerated and advised that it must be dissociated from the movement.

TOOZE WILL SAIL ON SECOND PEACE SHIP

Portland, Dec. 8.—Word was received here today that Lamar Tooze of Salem, the University of Oregon's representative with the Ford peace expedition, will sail on the second peace ship. Unable to obtain credentials in time for the sailing of the Oscar II, Tooze has enlisted the assistance of Representative Hawley of Oregon, who will procure the passport, it was stated.

NAME OF SOCIETY WOMAN DRAGGED INTO SHIP SCANDAL

Washington, Dec. 8.—The name of a prominent New York and Newport society woman, whose identity was shielded, was dragged in today in the investigation of the alleged pro-German activities of Franz von Rintelen in this country. Rintelen is now held a prisoner by British authorities at London. The authorities there found on Rintelen letters from the woman, which they forwarded here. In these she denounced the administration's attitude in the German-American situation. It is reported that through her social connections the woman arranged for Rintelen to inspect sections of warships at Newport ordinarily denied to aliens.

The letters have not been presented to the federal grand jury and authorities are silent as to whether or not the woman will be indicted.

Meantime officials are investigating Rintelen's alleged activities in spending a half million dollars to start a Mexican revolution to divert America's attention from Europe. He is said, too, to have tried to start anti-labor strikes, but officials claim that high labor leaders here "double-crossed" him and frustrated his plans while seeming to play in with him.

WOMAN AGAIN MAYOR OF CITY OF TROUTDALE

Troutdale, Ore., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Clara Larson will guide the civic destinies of Troutdale for another term. Running on her record as mayor, Mrs. Larson was re-elected without opposition worthy of the name.

KING NICHOLAS OF MONTENEGRO IS SEEKING PEACE

Berlin, Dec. 8.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has suggested to the allies that they allow him to conclude a separate peace because Montenegro is exhausted, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung today.

The allies replied that if Montenegro moves separately they will sever diplomatic relations and withdraw the assistance they have hitherto granted her.

NOT ALL PEACE ABOARD THE OSCAR II

Dr. Aked Asks to Be Shown the Goods, and Seeks Evidence That Pilgrimage of Party Will Not Be in Vain

Aboard the Oscar II, by Wireless to Cape Race, Dec. 8.—All is not peaceful aboard Henry Ford's peace ship. Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, and others entertaining doubts as to the success of the peace expedition have asked to be "shown." They insist on seeing the documents Madame Rozika Schwimmer, of Hungary, claims to have from neutrals and from high officials of belligerent nations suggesting a readiness to talk peace. They also insist that Madame Schwimmer prove her statement that unofficial representatives of the belligerents will attend the peace congress which Ford is planning.

The madame, however, has refused to show these documents, on the ground that they are confidential.

New York, Dec. 8.—Attack upon President Wilson's preparedness utterances in his message to congress was made by Ellis Jones aboard the peace ship Oscar II last night, according to a wireless summary sent here today by Henry Ford.

In this Jones was quoted as claiming that lack of fortifications along the American-Canadian and Norwegian-Swedish borders was proof that absence of preparation for war results in peace. At the same time he challenged the president to state what enemies America fears.

HOLLY WOODS SCENE OF TERRIFIC BATTLE BETWEEN BULGARS AND ALLIES

By Wm. G. Shepherd.
Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 6 (Delayed). Mighty battling is on in the Christmas holly woods near Strumitza. Bloody strife marks that region where grows the emblem of "peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

The Bulgarians have been attacking since Saturday, but thus far they have been repulsed. I visited the French and British fronts Friday night and Saturday. Atop the hills stretched lines of allied batteries, sending shells streaming eight miles across a valley to mountains a mile high. The holly hills shook with the dull roars of the cannon; the scene was ghastly.

The allies' artillery seemed superior to that of the opposing forces. The shells blasted the Bulgar works and blew up whole lines of advancing enemies, while the allies' losses were comparatively slight.

The sheen of holly leaves on the broad hillside was dulled by spattering blood. Among the bright red Christmas berries Red Cross workers found the bodies of Bulgars and allies, twisted and shattered, their faces marked with the death horror following hand-to-hand struggles.

Occasionally the Bulgars broke over the hills in wild charges, screaming like demons as they came with their bayonets ready for the slaughter. Throughout the Balkan wars they have been known as champions with the bayonet. But the French Zouaves were their match.

In three encounters French cold steel caught them, stabbed them to death, and sent them fleeing back to the holly hills from whence they came—human targets before the

ALLIES ARE DIVIDED ON BALKANS

England Reported to Differ With France and Russia Over Conduct of Campaign in the Balkan Peninsula

Paris, Dec. 8.—England and her allies are reported at odds over the Balkan situation.

Against the wishes of her colleagues, England is reported in favor of withdrawal of the Balkan expeditionary forces. She showed her hand, it is hinted, in the two days' war council of all the allied military heads.

Yet, the other allies are said to insist on continuance of the campaign to aid the Serbs.

"If England persists alone in favoring departure from Saloniki," said a high French official today, "then the remainder of the allies will continue to aid the Serbs."

Sir John French of England is understood to have suggested the abandonment, while General Joffre and others objected to leaving the Serbs to the mercy of the Bulgars.

France has known for some time that England was dissatisfied with Balkan affairs, for speakers in the British parliament have openly called the Saloniki expedition useless, too late and too small to aid the Serbs.

On the other hand, French officials have frequently proclaimed their intention of strongly supporting Serbia, though the French newspapers have suggested the situation of the allied forces in Serbia may become perilous.

TWO DISMISSED DIPLOMATS WILL DEPART TUESDAY

New York, Dec. 8.—Attaches Boy-Ed and von Papen, whose recall was asked by this government because of their displeasing activities, will depart Tuesday, it was reported around the federal building today.

The Holland-American line offices, however, said the attaches had made no reservations.

London, Dec. 8.—No safe conduct for Attache Boy-Ed of the German embassy has been asked by America, Foreign Secretary Grey announced in the house of commons.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Germany is yielding from her position that she must know the facts on which America demanded the recall of Attaches Boy-Ed and von Papen. This belief among officials today caused a marked relaxation in the tension over the incident, while unofficial information led to the belief that Germany will soon agree to recall the offending diplomats without further demand for details.

Ambassador von Bernstorff is understood to have recommended acquiescence in these demands after he was convinced that President Wilson will risk a breach in German-American relations rather than meet Germany's request.

In view of the clearing of the situation, it was expected there would be early resumption of negotiations over providing safe conduct for the two attaches.

Administration heads speculated as to what course England might pursue should the United States ask safe conduct at this time, when Bulgars have taken off a Greek vessel an English attache en route from Sofia to London. That this situation might tend to make England hesitate to grant the safe conduct was a general view here.

MRS. ELIA FLAGG YOUNG QUILTS CHICAGO OFFICE

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Elia Flagg Young closed her career as superintendent of schools here today. This afternoon she left the city, intending to go either to Los Angeles or San Diego.

"I may stay in California 20 years," she said. "If the war ends, however, I will tour Europe."

She visited her office during the forenoon and removed the decorations, with their feminine touch, which had been there since she assumed the place six years ago. Her successor has not yet been appointed.

TURKS REPORT CAPTURE OF BRITISH VESSELS

London, Dec. 8.—One British monitor was fired and four other vessels were captured by the Turks in an attack near Kut-el-Amara, the Constantinople war office claimed today concerning operations of December 5.

The Turks were reported, too, to have made a minor attack in the vicinity of the town to which General Townshend's forces were compelled to retire from their Bagdad expedition.

GERMAN AVIATORS ARE KILLED WHEN AIRSHIPS COLLIDE

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Four men aboard two German aeroplanes were unrecognizably burned when their machines in maneuvering Monday night over Ellerbruck collided.

Persons below were horrified to see the two machines lock. The tanks burst in a sudden flash of flame and the machines came to earth with a crash, with the bodies entangled in the ruins.

SELL COSTLY BUILDINGS AS JUNK

Work of Wrecking Panama-Pacific Exposition in Progress, and Great Structures Sell for Few Dollars

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Buildings that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to construct may be bought for a song at the grounds of the late Panama exposition. A recapitulation of figures today showed that the best offers so far made for buildings which cost \$864,000 to erect total only \$12,445. And these figures include only the various state or foreign buildings.

The state of New York paid \$200,000 for its building, which was sold today to wreckers for \$3,050. Indiana's building cost \$90,000 and the best offer for it yet made is \$1,750. Oregon paid more than \$60,000 for the handsome edifices which housed its exhibits; yet it was sold to wreckers for \$1,520.

Similar fate will meet practically all the other state and foreign buildings. The Cuban pavilion was erected at a cost of \$75,000. It is on part of the presidio reservation, and at the close of the fair the Cuban commissioner made a present of it to the United States government for military purposes. The government today declined and the Cuban commissioner offered it today free to "anybody who will take it away." Not a single offer was made for the structure.

All the buildings have hardwood floors, handsome decorations, costly chandeliers and valuable structural steel.

SERBIANS ROUTED FROM KULALUMA BY THE BULGARS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 8.—"Defeat of the Serbians near Kulaluma had the nature of a capture," said the Bulgarian war office, in a statement received here early today.

This told of the capture of all the Serbian artillery, automobiles, the royal carriage, 320 omnibuses and quantities of munitions.

The Serbians were said to be in disorganized rout, while the Albanians were reported turning on them in the mountains, where they have sought refuge.

Bulgarian occupation of Monastir was reported. Other Bulgar forces were said to be driving westward toward Ochrida and Debra on the edge of Albania.

MEMBERS OF CREW DESERT BRITISH SHIP AT SEATTLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Dec. 8.—Thirteen of the crew of the British steamer Bengala, which is expected to sail today with a wheat cargo for the United Kingdom, deserted here today, fearing German torpedoes. The Bengala is under charter to M. H. Houser.

ABRAHAM WILL LEAD OREGON AGGIES NEXT YEAR

Corvallis, Dec. 8.—Herman Abraham, backfield star of the Oregon Aggies, will lead the Aggies on the football next year. Abraham was almost unanimously elected to the captaincy. He recently was named for the mythical all-continental eleven.